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REMARKS

Claims 27-32 are pending herein. By this Amendment, Claims 27 and 32 are amended.

Claims 27-29 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as assertedly being non-enabled.

Claim 27 is amended to recite that the unsaturated perfluorocarbon has the formula C_xF_y wherein x is 3 or 4 and 6 is 6 or 8. Because one of ordinary skill in the art would be able to practice the claimed methods without undue experimentation, the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, are satisfied. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

Claims 27-32 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) over JP 5-42230 (JP '230) in view of Pitts et al., "Construction of an Exploratory List of Chemicals to Initiate the Search for Halon Alternatives" (August, 1990) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,117,917 (Robin) and optionally in view of the Preliminary Amendment and Declaration filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 in related application U.S. Serial No. 08/895,687.

Applicants concurrently file herewith an Appeal Brief and Request for Consolidation of Appeals request that the pending appeal be consolidated with the appeal in U.S. Serial 08/895,687.

If there are any questions regarding this Amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

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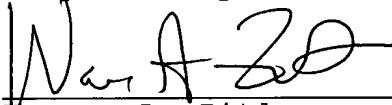
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If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #132/42381C2).

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